

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/646,339

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-12,14 and 15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>0505</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>0305</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jack Pasquale on 5/24/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

1. In claim 1, line 2, change "for carrying a transformer" to --a transformer in a housing--.
2. In claim 1, line 7, change "said cover wherein" to --said cover and the outer surface of said transformer housing, wherein--.
3. In claim 1, line 10, change "juxtapositioned" to --flipped inside-out--.
4. In claim 1, line 13, change "surface for retractably" to --surface retractably--.
5. In claim 1, line 15, change "of -said" to --of said--.
6. In claim 11, line 2, change "for carrying a transformer" to --including a transformer--.
7. In claim 11, line 16, change "juxtapositioned" to --flipped inside-out--.
8. In claim 12, line 5, change "steps of: " to --steps of: providing the transformer in the housing;--.
9. In claim 12, line 13, change "juxtaposed" to --flipped inside-out--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-15 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claims 1, 3-10, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of an electrical apparatus comprising a cover made of resilient deformable material located on an outer surface of the transformer housing with said inner surface of said cover is flipped inside-out defining a tower-like structure with the transformer housing outer surface.

Re claims 11, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of an electrical apparatus comprising a cover made of resilient deformable material located on an outer surface of the transformer housing with said inner peripheral wall portion of said cover that flips inside-out defining a tower-like structure with the housing outer surface.

Re claims 12, 14-15, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a method for retractably housing the electrical cable comprising steps of providing a cover made of resilient deformable material located on an outer surface of the transformer housing with a portion of the outwardly facing inner surface of said cover that flips inside-out defining a tower-like structure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments and amendments filed March 18, 2005 have been fully considered and finds the argument along with the amendments to the claim persuasive. Examiner agrees with the argument that combination of prior arts does not disclose the cover on the transmission housing that flips to define the tower-like structure.

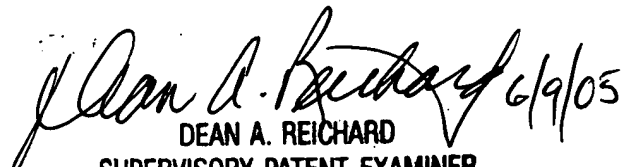
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, Th and F at 6:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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